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Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Confirms Waiver Fees for Filing a Request for Extension of Time to Meet Coverage/Construction Requirements in Certain Radio Services

By this Public Notice, the Bureau confirms that filing a *Request for Extension of Time* to meet a coverage or construction requirement is a request for a waiver of the Rules and is subject to a waiver fee in radio services where waiver fees are applicable. A waiver fee to request an extension of the construction time period is applicable in the following radio services: Private Point-to-Point Microwave and Private DEMS, Land Mobile, and Maritime Coast and Aviation Ground Radio Services. Effective September 10, 2002, the waiver fee for these services is \$150. For paper filed applications, the waiver fee for a *Request for Extension of Time* is calculated for each call sign on the application by multiplying the number of rule sections being waived by the waiver fee amount. For a timely filed application requesting a waiver for an extension of time to meet the construction requirement, the minimum number of rule sections being waived is "1". If the application is not filed timely or the license is not active, additional waiver requests would be required.

The Bureau has enhanced the electronic filing of applications through the Universal Licensing System (ULS) for *Required Notification* and *Request for Extension of Time* as they pertain to coverage and construction requirements. For all types of applications filed electronically, ULS checks the data entered for completeness and compliance with certain rules and notifies the filer of any errors or inconsistencies on the application before it is submitted to the FCC. These "pre-submission checks" have been expanded for the Required Notification (601 Main Form and Schedule K) and Request for Extension of Time (601 Main Form and Schedule L) to help licensees file correct and complete applications and to aid the Bureau in more quickly processing the applications. Examples of pre-submission checks include checks for duplicate entries, checks against the license data, and verification that the application is timely filed.

The FCC requires most wireless telecommunications services licensees to construct their authorized system or meet specific coverage requirements within a given time period and to notify the Commission that the requirement has been met. To notify the Commission, licensees must file a *Required Notification*, FCC Form 601 (Main Form and Schedule K), no later than 15 days after the coverage/construction deadline. A request to extend the coverage or construction period can be made by filing a *Request for Extension of Time*, FCC Form 601 (Main Form and Schedule L), on or before the coverage /construction deadline.¹

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.946 for information on construction and coverage requirements. Also see the specific rules under the radio service in which the authorization is held.

If you have questions on the Public Notice you may contact Denise Walter of the Bureau's Commercial Wireless Division at 202-418-0620 or Melissa Hower of the Data Management Division at 717-338-2544. For additional information on construction or coverage requirements for wireless authorizations, visit <http://wireless.fcc.gov/licensing/const-req>. Visit <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls> for information on electronic filing. For services that allow manual filing, application forms can be obtained from the FCC's web site at <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>, by calling the FCC's Forms Distribution Center toll free at 800-418-FORM (800-418-3676), or from fax-on-demand by dialing 202-418-0177 from a fax machine. For general information, visit the FCC's web site at <http://www.fcc.gov> or call the FCC's Consumer Center at 888-CALLFCC (888-225-5322) or Licensing Support and Forms Information at 717-338-2888.